At the same time, new industrial policy for small scale industries should be announced immediately so that small scale sector units could function smoothly and contribute their mite in nation building.

[*English*]

SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS (Karim Ganj) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, rural water supply works are mainly the affairs of the State Government, but I have to draw the attention of the Centre because in dry season, getting of safe drinking water becomes a serious problem in rural area of Barak Valley particularly in Karim Ganj and Hailakandi Districts of Assam. And the progress of installation of such works is so slow there that I fear the State Government cannot cover up the said two Districts within a period of next ten years. Even in small township like Badarpur in Karim Ganj District, acute scarcity of drinking water prevails.

Will the Hon. Minister concerned be pleased to do the needful at a very early date so that the water works be speeded up in Karim Ganj and Hailakandi Districts ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareily) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, A 'dharna' by 70 thousand employees of Grameen Banks was organised today in front of the residence of the Finance Minister under the auspices of the All India Grameen Bank Workers Organisation. They are demanding uniform implementation of the N.I.T. award regarding equal pay for equal work. In addition to it, officers and employees of rural banks have demanded that all the 196 branches of rural banks in the country should be amalgmated into one to form a unified Indian Rural Bank and employees posted in rural areas should be given rural posting allowance.

I would like the Government to make a statement on it and let us know the date from which it is going to implement it. Government had accepted this demand two years back and had given assurance to implements it but it has not yet announced the specific date of its implementation. I would like the Hon. Finance Minister to pay special attention to it and accept the demand .... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a news item has appeared in the Nav Bharat Times that a bloody clash took place between two groups in Rally-Ganj Coal Mines in Giddi area of Bihar resulting in death of 13 Adivasis and injurise to a number of people..... (*Interruption.*)

This is a very serious matter. The common people are not considering themselves safe there. All these things are happening in Bihar openly in broad day light. I would .like the Hon. Mome Minister to make a statement in this regard. An enquiry should be conducted into this incident. A Committee of the House should visit the place and make an on-the-spot enquiry and the findings of the enquiry should be reported to the House. This is a very serious matter .... (*Interruptions*) ....

[*English*]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : Yesterday I gave a notice on this as I wanted to raise this matter. This should not be considered as a clash between two gorup of workers. This is as a result of wrong policy pursued by the Coal India Ltd., CIL and the Central Coalfields Ltd. Because of the introduction of machines, the workers, particularly the tribal workers, are being evicted, their employments are being threatened and therefore there is great resentment. I personally visited that colliery and the victims of that particular coalmine three years back. I have seen how the big machines are introduced spending crores of ruppes money. But these machines are not being utilised and these machines are threatening the employment of tribals of that area. This is because of the wrong policy. The Minister of Coal is here and I demand a statement from Shri Sangma on this incident. This is a very serious incident. I demand a statement from the Minister of Coal..... (*Interruptions*).